



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman
Richard C. Straiton, Selectman
Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 - 7:30 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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PRESENT: First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance was Town Counsel Martin Lawlor.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: First Selectman Knickerbocker called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Public Comments: Thomas Cummins

Correspondence: Letter from Planning & Zoning – favorable report for 05 Depot Place, aka the “old train station” property under the provisions of CGS 8-24.

Minutes of October 20, 2016: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Report: First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that on Thanksgiving Day, a Community Dinner will be held in the Municipal Center, inviting those that will be alone or in need of meal. He offered special kudos to Dionne Craig, Office Assistant in the First Selectman's Office for coordinating this event; numerous donations of food and volunteers have already been offered. He also spoke to the Bridge Project noting that paving will begin shortly and that the project continues to be ahead of schedule.

New Business

1.) Consideration of report from Transfer Station Committee

AJ Bernard and BJ Liberty, members of the Transfer Station Committee presented a Preliminary Report to the Board of Selectmen. The committee presented several ideas for consideration which they anticipate could save money and will still look into options for privatization.

No action was taken; the Board of Selectmen will take their recommendations under advisement.

2.) Consideration of establishing Special Town Meeting date for the lease with BSGB LLC

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to establish the date of Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the CJH Municipal Center, General Purpose Room. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of amending the existing Blight Ordinance.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to include the following changes to the existing Blight Ordinance:

§ 64-3. Definitions

Blighted premises

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3. Landscaping including but not limited to trees, brush, shrubs, hedges, grass, and plants, which physically hinder or interfere with the lawful use of abutting premises or block or interfere with the use of any public sidewalk, public street, public right of way, public road sign and/or private street or private right-of-way.

D. Other such applicable conditions:

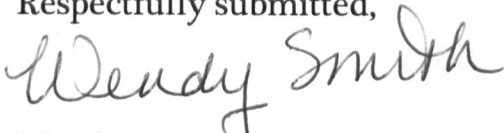
1. Overgrown brush including weeds and grass which exceeds twelve (12) inches in height or greater for a period of thirty (30) days or longer.
2. Landscaping including but not limited to, trees, shrubs, hedges, grass, and plants, which physically hinder or interfere with the lawful use of abutting premises or block or interfere with the use of any public sidewalk, public

street, public right of way, public road sign and/or private street or private right-of-way.

Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved. This proposed change to the Blight Ordinance will be included with the other ordinances at the Public Hearing on November 16, 2016.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary